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Man chases down own car, stolen from the airport

THEFT A man unloading luggage from his car at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport wound up taking an unexpected road trip when the vehicle was stolen early yesterday.

RCMP say another man jumped in the parked 2002 silver Bonneville and sped off toward Halifax.

Cpl. Joe Taplin says it's believed the thief had just arrived at the airport.

The car's owner then hopped into a friend's vehicle and pursued the thief.

He also called the RCMP and put them on the trail of the stolen car, which was pulled over without incident about 20 kilometres away on Highway 118 at Exit 13E.

A 25-year-old suspect is facing a charge of theft over \$5,000.

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Brier **N.S. upsets Alberta**



Nova Scotia skip Ian Fitzner-LeBlanc salutes the crowd at the Metro Centre after his team's upset victory over Alberta at the 2010 Tim Hortons Brier yesterday. Nova Scotia scored six in the fifth end as they beat Alberta 13-8. In action last night, Nova Scotia fell 7-2 to Yukon/Northwest Territories to sit at 1-6. **More coverage, page 8.**

HRM minorities set to double by 2031

POPULATION More than one in 10 people in the Halifax area will be a visible minority by 2031, according to projections released yesterday by Statistics Canada.

That's 12 per cent of the projected population, and almost double the proportion counted in the 2006 census.

The proportion of foreign-born residents in Halifax is also projected to spike from seven per cent in '06 to 11 per cent in 2031.

But, despite the increase, the proportion of visible mi-

norities in Halifax isn't nearly as large as in Canada's largest cities.

The projections suggest nationally the face of Canada will change even more radically than it already has as immigrants from South Asia and China continue to outnumber the Europeans who settled the country.

Across Canada, Statistics Canada is predicting 31 per cent of the population will be a visible minority by 2031 — that's more than 14.4 million people.

In 1981, there were just

over one million Canadians who identified themselves as visible minorities, representing less than five per cent of the population.

The largest visible minority population in 2031 is projected to be South Asian, which includes people from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Chinese is No. 2. And Canada's black and Filipino populations, which were the third and fourth largest visible minority groups in 2006, could also double in size by 2031.

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Death was homicide, police say

Pair now facing manslaughter charges in baby Aurora case

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The charges against a young Halifax couple relating to the death of their infant daughter have become even more serious.

Halifax Regional Police announced yesterday Jane Gomes and Ashiqur Rahman are now each facing the additional charge of manslaughter in the death of seven-week-old Aurora Breakthrough. The daughter of the common-law couple was sent to the IWK Health Centre on July 24 with serious injuries and died four days later in hospital.

Gomes is being charged with two counts of manslaughter in relation to the death and Rahman one — all from different sections under the charge, according to police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter.

Palmeter said Gomes is charged with one count of manslaughter for "failing to provide the necessities of life" and a second count for "criminal negligence causing death."

The manslaughter charge for Rahman is for "causing the death."

"He's being charged with directly causing the death," Palmeter said about Rahman, adding for Gomes, "she is in a position that requires one to have certain responsibilities ... which we would allege she didn't do."

"She acted negligently," he added.

The topic of new charges for Rahman and Gomes has been on-going since the two

were arrested in relation to this highly publicized death in late July. The two lived with their infant daughter in an upstairs apartment on Gottingen Street.

The initial charges of aggravated assault, to which Rahman and Gomes have each pleaded not guilty, still stand.

"The investigation has been ongoing since the incident occurred and there's a lot of things we've been waiting for," Palmeter said.

"Obviously the biggest key now is the fact this death has been deemed a homicide."

Rahman and Gomes will be arraigned on the new charges at Halifax provincial court this afternoon.



Jane Gomes



Ashiqur Rahman

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Plea held over in cross-burning

COURT The two young men facing charges from last month's cross-burning incident outside of Windsor saw their court appearance to enter a plea yesterday held over until Friday.

Their lawyers said they needed more time to get disclosure of evidence from the Crown.

Nathan Rehberg, 20, and his 19-year-old brother Justin each face charges of criminal harassment, mischief, uttering threats and public incitement of hatred in relation to a cross-burning incident on Feb. 21.

Shayne Howe, who is black, and his fiancée, Michelle Lyons, who is white, say they looked out their window in Newport, Hants Co., and saw a burning cross on their front lawn with a noose on it. When Howe investigated, he alleged racial slurs were hurled at him.

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Police on lookout after indecent act

DOWNTOWN Halifax Regional Police say a man walked down Sackville Street in Halifax yesterday morning with his pants down and genitals exposed.

Police say the indecent act took place at 8:50 a.m. The incident was phoned in by a complainant who saw the man walking in downtown Halifax.

Police describe the man as white, mid-to-late 20s and around five-foot-four with an average build. He was said to be wearing a black toque, jean jacket, skinny jeans and black high-top sneakers.

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Councillor takes on tower

Purcell's Cove land should be kept in 'natural state,' Mosher

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Some Purcell's Cove residents are sending the message that they don't want a cellphone tower in their backyard.

The proposed tower from Rogers Communications Inc., to be built adjacent to 451 Purcell's Cove Rd., is meant to replace an existing tower on top of Fenwick Tower. Rogers must vacate Fenwick Tower by March 31 to accommodate the building's re-development.

But Purcell's Cove-Armadale Coun. Linda Mosher



Linda Mosher

wants Halifax regional council to contact the owners of Fenwick Tower, Templeton Properties, to request an extension to Rogers' contract to avoid the "rapid" construction of the Purcell's Cove tower.

She presented a petition last night signed by 87 people who own land near the proposed tower, asking council to reject the project.

Mosher said the area is

designated as an "urban reserve" in HRM's Regional Plan, meaning the land cannot be developed for 25 years.

"We felt it was so important to keep (the area) in a natural state. We are not allowing development," Mosher said after council ended last night. "There's barrens, there's water courses... so I got an answer from staff that the area is designated urban reserve, it does not permit a telecommunications tower by right."

"So I find this very frustrating."

The final decision on land use, however, rests with In-

dustrial Canada and not council. Federal regulations dictate the municipality must be consulted, but can only comment on aesthetic issues, according to Mosher.

"At the end of the day, it's Industry Canada," she said.

Residents at a Chebucto community council meeting on Monday night were open to compromise, according to Mosher. She said if the tower had to be erected there, residents would prefer it be put further back away from Purcell's Cove Road.

But Mosher said Rogers wasn't open to the idea, citing the area as a wetland.

Owner granted delay to have Brindi assessed

DOG Francesca Rogier says she remains unbowed in her legal battle to preserve the life of a mixed-breed dog that faces euthanasia after it attacked other canines, despite exhausting \$30,000 in savings on lawyers and putting her architecture career on hold.

The 50-year-old resident of Eastern Chezzetcook won a reprieve for Brindi before a provincial court judge in Dartmouth yesterday.

Representing herself, Rogier successfully argued for a delay while she arranges for an animal trainer to visit the pound and assess the dog's behaviour before Judge Alanna Murphy decides Brindi's fate.

"For a judge to decide whether a dog is too dangerous to live, they should be able to draw on expert opinion... someone who is qualified to assess the behaviour of the dog," Rogier said outside court.

Rogier has been convicted of being the owner of a dog that was running at large, owning a dog that attacked another animal



Francesca Rogier speaks with reporters about her dog Brindi at the Dartmouth courthouse yesterday. Brindi's case was adjourned until April 16 so the dog can receive a behavioural test. Brindi was seized in July 2008 after attacking other dogs and is still being held at the Dartmouth SPCA.

and failing to comply with a muzzle order.

Brindi has been im-

pounded for almost two years after she rushed out of the yard and attacked a

"For a judge to decide whether a dog is too dangerous to live, they should be able to draw on expert opinion."

Francesca Rogier, Brindi's owner

leashed dog strolling by Rogier's home in July 2008.

This came after a series of written warnings from the City of Halifax following other attacks by Brindi. One of the city's warnings required Brindi be muzzled.

Rogier admits she made "mistakes," but points out she has built a fence, set aside money to hire a trainer and committed to keeping Brindi muzzled. She says she'll pay any fines arising from the incidents.

"I believe those are reasonable alternatives that satisfy the public interest," she said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Hearing date set for extortion case

COP A preliminary hearing is set for November for the Halifax police constable charged with extorting money.

Const. Jeffrey Buchanan was in Halifax provincial court yesterday to enter a plea on charges of extortion and breach of trust stemming from a December police investigation.

Buchanan pleaded not guilty to both counts, with the judge setting Nov. 2 as the date for a preliminary hearing.

Buchanan is accused of trying to extort money from a convicted drug dealer. He's also facing one count of possession of marijuana after a subsequent search of his house took place. A preliminary hearing on that charge is set for Nov. 16.

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45 DUI charges laid by HRP in February

CRIME Halifax Regional Police charged 45 people with impaired driving last month, eight of which resulted in collisions.

Police say in every case, the driver was impaired by alcohol. Charges were laid against 38 men and seven women ranging in age from 19 to 72. Police also handed out five 24-hour suspensions.

Of the 45 incidents investigated by police, they say 16 were called in by concerned citizens.

The Halifax RCMP said last week they charged 17 people with impaired-driving offences for February.

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News in brief

DRUGS A 43-year-old man and 41-year-old woman are facing drug charges after Halifax RCMP conducted a search warrant on a home at Poplar Drive in Cole Harbour yesterday. Police say they seized 147 grams of marijuana, five grams of hash oil, a digital scale and other drug paraphernalia. Both will appear in provincial court on April 21.

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Police arrest Halifax man after multiple home break-ins

SUSPECT Halifax Regional Police have arrested a man who they allege entered several unlocked homes to steal property.

Isaac Mohamed Traore, 20, of Halifax is facing multiple charges of break and

enter for robberies between Jan. 28 and March 1.

Police say stolen items include laptop computers, digital cameras and televisions. Police were eventually able to identify a suspect and searched a resi-

dence in the 100 block of Bland Street in south-end Halifax. They say they found a number of stolen items as well as prescription drugs that did not belong to the suspect.

Traore is also facing

charges of possession of stolen property, drug possession and breach of probation. Police say all the homes involved were unlocked or insecure, making the robberies "crimes of opportunity." **METRO HALIFAX**

Memorial blood donor clinic to be held tomorrow

The fourth annual Blood Donor Clinic honouring the life of Mary-Beth Chaulk takes place tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Canadian Blood Services on Gottingen Street. Chaulk died four years ago after being hit by a vehicle while in a marked crosswalk. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Break-ins could be linked: RCMP

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After a woman and her small child had a terrifying run-in with a masked robber yesterday, police are investigating a possible link to another break and enter case.

Halifax RCMP say a woman and her about one-year-old child were up in their Partridge Nest Drive Apartment in Mineville around 4 a.m. when they

were confronted by a man wearing a black hoodie and a white ski mask.

The man grabbed a laptop computer on a nearby dining room table and ran out the back door.

"It was quite a traumatic event for both individuals," said spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin.

A K-9 unit was on the scene shortly afterwards, but the tracks of the robber stopped abruptly, implying there was a waiting getaway vehicle. Police are

"It's very important when people go to bed to ensure that their windows and doors are locked."

Cpl. Joe Taplin

investigating whether the door was unlocked or jimmied open.

RCMP say the robbery shares many similarities with another break-in in East Preston just one night earlier. At about 1 a.m. Monday a man was awoken in his Chater Drive resi-

dence by the sound of someone kicking in his back door. When the man went to investigate he saw someone running out of his basement door. Several electronics were missing from the home.

Again a K-9 unit was on scene and it appeared the

robber fled in a getaway vehicle.

Both RCMP and the Halifax Regional Police Integrated General Investigation Section are investigating. Police seek information from anyone who saw any vehicles in the areas and times of the robberies.

They are also urging residents to take precautions.

"It's very important when people go to bed to ensure that their windows and doors are locked," Taplin said.

Province rejects calls for inquiry into police shooting

DEATH The Nova Scotia government has rejected calls for a public inquiry into the death of an aboriginal man shot by police in his own home, the province's justice minister said yesterday after meeting with John Simon's family.

Simon, 44, was shot three times on Dec. 2, 2008, after an RCMP officer climbed through a window and confronted the allegedly drunk and suicidal fisherman. A Halifax police investigation cleared the RCMP officer of wrongdoing, saying he shot Simon in self-defence.

"It may not necessarily address the emotional impact and some other issues within the community," Ross Landry told CTV. "But I'm very prepared to work with the community to move forward."

The Simon family was given a partially censored copy of the police report yesterday, but Simon's widow, Patsy MacKay, said that wasn't good enough.

MacKay said she will continue to push for an inquiry. "If they want to mend the community and have any kind of future working with the community, that's the only way the answers will really come out," she told CTV.

The Halifax police report confirms the RCMP officer who shot Simon did not have authorization to enter the home.

Brian Arbuthnot, senior adviser to the Wammatcook First Nation, said the band is also upset with Landry's decision.

"We're quite surprised by the minister pulling the rug from underneath us," he told CTV.

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Crashed plane involved in bird survey: Official

CRASH An official says a small plane that crashed in Yarmouth County on Sunday, sending the pilot to hospital with serious injuries, was taking part in a bird survey.

Mike Cunningham of the Transportation Safety Board says the four-seat Cessna 172 was chartered so the two passengers — Environment Canada employees — could conduct their work.

The passengers suffered minor injuries when the aircraft struck a tree during an emergency landing attempt on a two-lane highway in Argyle.

The 26-year-old pilot remains in the QEII Health Sciences Centre with serious head injuries.

Doug Bliss, regional director for Environment Canada's wildlife service, says both employees were based in the organization's regional headquarters in

Passenger injuries

- One Environment Canada employee has some bruises while the other, who broke some bones, has been taken to a hospital in Moncton to be closer to home.

Sackville, N.B.

Bliss says Environment Canada chartered the flight to conduct coastal bird monitoring surveys, something its wildlife division does routinely.

"We have the responsibility for the conservation and protection of migratory birds in Canada so part of that, of course, is understanding what is out there," he said in an interview yesterday.

Bliss had no other details on the flight, other than it was on its way to refuel in Yarmouth after several hours in the air on Sunday.

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Search And Rescue Garage warming



Search and Rescue members attend the official opening of a new three-bay garage for the Halifax Regional Search and Rescue in Lakeview yesterday. The garage built through Homebuilders Care of the Nova Scotia Home Builders Association will allow the team to park all their vehicles together, which will speed up response time in case of an emergency.

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News in brief

NEW PARTY The Atlantica Party has become Nova Scotia's newest political party. They were declared a registered party as of Monday and can field candidates under the Atlantica banner in the next provincial election. Their policies include electoral reform

and opposing tax increases. Aside from the mainstay Tories, NDP and Liberals, other parties to pop up in the province in recent years include the Green Party, Nova Scotia Party, Christian Heritage Party and Marijuana Party.

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Man charged with drunk driving after police chase

ARREST A Halifax man was arrested for drunk driving Monday evening after a low-speed chase in the city's downtown.

At about 8 p.m. a motorist called Halifax Regional Police to report he was following an impaired

driver.

Police set up a traffic stop near Bell Road but they say the driver refused to stop and tried to evade police.

The driver was pursued at low speeds and eventually stopped near Nor-

mandy Street. No one was injured.

The man is facing charges of impaired driving, refusing a breathalyzer, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and failing to stop for police.

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Canadian politicians confident NAFTA pullout won't happen

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PMO set to spend \$13M more

In the Conservative crackdown on salaries and office budgets, it seems one wing of government didn't get the memo — Prime Minister Stephen Harper's own bureaucracy. The government released financial estimates showing the budget for the Prime Minister's Office is expected to spike by 21.9 per cent — or more than \$13 million.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Child-care tax break creates new problems

The federal budget's key anti-poverty measure cures one headache and causes another.

Changes to the tax treatment of the \$100-a-month Universal Child Care Benefit to help single-parent families "will create new inequities," says the Caledon Institute of Social Policy, an Ottawa-based think-tank.

Critics of the benefit have long complained that it is subject to income tax, penalizing single-parent families in particular. Until now, single-parents could end up paying more tax on their \$100 per child benefit than a two-parent family with the same income.

The budget set out to address the problem by allowing single-parent families to claim the payments as income for their dependents, meaning most

single-parent families will likely avoid paying any tax on their \$100 because the money will be claimed as their children's income.

But now, two-parent families will pay more taxes on their benefit than single-parent families of the same income.

"So the UCCB will remain a complicated and virtually incomprehensible social program in terms of its real as opposed to apparent value to families," says the Caledon Institute. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Jacmel A mother mourned



Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean hugs Maile Alphonse during a visit to Jean's hometown of Jacmel, Haiti, yesterday. Alphonse lost her mother Magali, a friend of Jean's and godmother to Jean's daughter, in the quake that devastated Haiti in January.

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Ex-MP fined \$500 after coke, DUI charges dropped

PLEA BARGAIN Cocaine possession and drunk driving charges against former Conservative MP Rahim Jaffer were withdrawn yesterday after the one-time anti-drug activist pleaded guilty to careless driving.

The plea deal sparked an angry exchange in the House of Commons, after Liberals accused the government of hypocrisy.

In convicting Jaffer and fining him \$500, the Ontario court judge said he would not interfere with the joint submission by Crown and defence.

"I'm sure you can recognize a break when you see one," Justice Doug Maund told Jaffer.

Prosecutor Marie Balogh told the court there was no reasonable prospect of conviction on the more serious charges.

Jaffer was arrested Sept. 10 after police stopped him for driving at 90 kilometres per hour in a 50 km/h zone in Palgrave, Ont., north of Toronto.

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News in brief

HEALTH A new McMaster University study shows that vaccinating kids against flu can substantially reduce infections in a community. The research shows that giving flu shots to a

significant portion of kids aged three to 15 cut the risk of catching flu by 60 per cent, which for adults is about as good as getting a flu shot themselves.

MONTREAL A Muslim woman in Quebec has been kicked out of a language course for the second time because of her refusal to remove a religious face covering. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Family fights to keep attack video private

SeaWorld officials in Florida and the family of Dawn Brancheau are trying to prevent the public release of video footage of the killer whale attack that ended her life. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Pope's brother knew of physical abuse claims

The pope's brother said in a newspaper interview published yesterday that he slapped pupils as punishment after he took over a renowned German boys' choir in the 1960s.

He also said he was aware of allegations of physical abuse at an elementary school linked to the choir but did nothing about it.

The Rev. Georg Ratzinger said he was completely unaware of allegations of sexual abuse

at the Regensburg Domschatzen boys choir, part of a string of charges of sex abuse by church employees across Europe in recent days.

Responding to accusations that its policies encouraged silence about the problem, the Vatican said that the sexual abuse scandals in Germany and other countries were cause for anguish but its response has been prompt and transparent.

The scandal sweeping

church institutions in many European countries kept widening yesterday.

In Austria, the head of a Benedictine monastery in Salzburg admitted to sexually abusing a child decades ago and resigned. Dutch Catholic bishops announced an independent inquiry into more than 200 allegations of sexual abuse of children by priests at church schools and apologized to victims.

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India Historic step for women



Communist Party of India Leader Brinda Karat, centre, and Bharatiya Janata Party Leader Sushma Swaraj, right, join other women in celebrations yesterday outside the Indian Parliament in New Delhi after the Women's Reservation Bill was passed by the upper house of parliament. The historic bill would reserve one-third of legislative seats for women. The bill now goes to the lower house, where it is likely to pass.

News in brief

QUAKE The Earth really did move during the massive Chile quake: Researchers say the city of Concepcion, the nearest city to the quake, moved at least three metres to the west.

COLD WAR Japan confirmed yesterday the existence of once-secret Cold War-era pacts with the U.S. that allowed nuclear-armed warships to enter Japanese ports in violation of Tokyo's postwar principles.

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Toyota, U.S. officials to probe runaway Prius

CALIFORNIA A Toyota Prius that sped out of control on a California freeway was towed to a dealership yesterday while federal and company inspectors converged on the car to determine whether a stuck gas pedal was to blame.

James Sikes, 61, told authorities that the accelerator malfunctioned Monday as he drove his Prius an Interstate.

The car reached 174 km/h before a California Highway Patrol officer helped get the Prius driv-

The Prius' driver and the officer who saved him describe the "terrifying" experience in a video at metronews.ca/world

er to slow down and turn off the engine.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration sent two investigators to examine the car, and a Toyota Motor Corp. spokesman said the automaker is sending three of its own technicians to investigate.

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With glowing hearts ... in Quebec

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One of the most underreported stories coming out of the Olympics is, to my mind, one of the most important.

Two separate polls indicate a remarkable increase in the glow of the hearts of

the people of Quebec.

Leger Marketing reports that 79 per cent of those polled in Quebec said they have "a stronger sense of pride in Canada" when they watch Canadian athletes ascend to the podium.

And Ipsos-Reid reports that 63 per cent of Quebecers now call themselves "Canadian nationalists."

Whoa!

If these numbers hold up, Alexandre Bilodeau and Joannie Rochette have saved Canada! A relatively cheap \$6-billion investment has succeeded where all that torturous hand-

wringing, all that interminable Meech Lakeing and Charlottetowning, failed.

We probably shouldn't expect Quebec to replace "Je me souviens" with "Go Canada Go!" on licence plates, but it is more than nice to think that the "nation" of Quebec is back in the bosom of its family.

Many of the sour grapes thrown at Quebec from the "Rest of Canada" can be attributed to hurt feelings. They rejected our language, our culture, our Mounties, after we went to all that trouble to take up poutine.

But now that Quebec has become, apparently overnight, a hotbed of Canadian nationalism, all is forgiven. Vive la différence!

The separatists have been reduced to a hard core of malcontents. Even Lucien Bouchard, the bête noir of the separatist nightmare, has lost his enthusiasm for the sovereignty project, sidelining it with a Gallic shrug as a losing game. Maybe later, he thinks.

Another poll, taken by the Association of Canadian Studies in Montreal, shows that only 29 per cent of Quebecers support the idea

of a separate Olympic team for Quebec, but 65 per cent reject the idea.

This is a huge vote for Canada from a place that has been lukewarm at best. You could put it down to a short burst of enthusiasm to be followed by another interminable decade of bleak interactions. But what if the people of Quebec are tired of those things that separate us and are ready to become part of something bigger, more inclusive, more multicultural, less medieval?

This fashionable patriotism is really the first ex-

pression of a new generation of Canadians united, not by language, not by race, not by creed, but by the remarkable idea of a nation where we are all free to celebrate our heritage, yet also free to create a new identity that liberates us from things such as language laws and timeworn boundaries.

And somewhere between 63 and 79 per cent of Quebecers are ready, at last, to be free.

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Word on the street: Did anything in last week's budget affect you or your family?

Claude Bricault

Halifax

A: It was mostly a cover-up. I don't know how prorogation helped this. I don't see anything different that came out of it ... they wanted time off to go to the Olympics I'm assuming.

Gloria Holloway

Halifax

A: I think they needed more money for child care. I work in a daycare centre and I think they need to increase the budget, the salaries for child-care people.

Graeme Reniers

Halifax

A: I'm a graduate student of international development and he froze foreign aid funds in the budget. That definitely affects me in terms of either getting a job or the reputation of my country as I go abroad and do my work.

Ashley Smith

Ottawa

A: They took out the home renovation tax breaks. We are expected to do some renovations this year. It would have been nice.

Ries Mentink

Vancouver

A: I think more of the budget should be spent on a sustainable future, green cars, and rapid transit that will help create more green jobs.

Kathy Mendes

Edmonton

A: No, not really. I have just gotten married so that doesn't really affect me. Same with education. I've gone through university and all of that. The only thing could be health and everything's slow in the health-care process.



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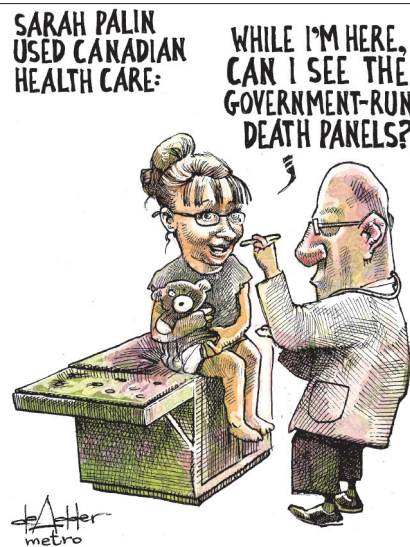
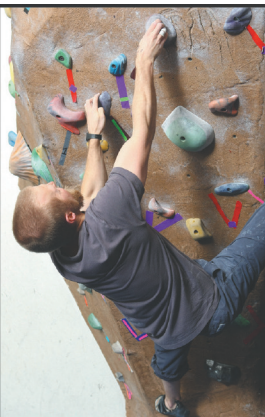
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Seattle **Arming himself with a coffee**



Greg Dement, left, is handed a Starbucks coffee as he sits with a handgun strapped to his belt while looking on at an anti-gun rally in Seattle last week. Starbucks has been one of many retailers targeted by the "open-carry" arm of the gun-rights movement of late. The movement advocates that gun owners carry visible weapons as they go about their daily business. In most states, it's legal and most retailers, Starbucks included, quietly allow it.

Samsung, Panasonic to begin 3-D TV sales

Retail prices to start near \$3K for 46-inch screen

Samsung and Panasonic will start selling 3-D TVs in U.S. stores this week, inaugurating what TV makers hope is the era of 3-D viewing in the living room. Canadian sales will likely follow soon after.

Samsung Electronics Co. announced yesterday that it is selling two 3-D sets. Combined with the required glasses and a 3-D Blu-ray player, the prices start at about \$3,000 US for a 46-inch screen.

Panasonic Corp. has said it will sell its first 3-D set today.

The push into the living room comes as moviegoers have shown considerable enthusiasm for the latest wave of 3-D fare in the theatre. This weekend, Alice in Wonderland grossed an estimated \$116.2 million at the box office, beating the first-weekend receipts of Avatar, the winter's 3-D blockbuster.



The era of 3-D viewing at home is fast-approaching.

Although it's clear that 3-D sets for the home will appeal to technology and home-theatre enthusiasts, it remains to be seen if the TVs will entice regular consumers to spend \$500 or more above the price of a comparably sized standard TV and Blu-ray player.

The 3-D effect requires viewers to wear relatively bulky glasses that need to

be recharged occasionally. They're not like the cheap throwaways that have been used in theatres since the 1950s. When you're wearing these 3-D TV glasses, room lights and computer screens may look like they're flickering, making it difficult to combine 3-D viewing with other household activities.

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Biggest banks boast profits

EARNINGS Canada's five biggest banks saw their profits soar by nearly two-thirds in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the same period a year before when the recession had battered away at earnings.

The banks earned a combined \$5.09 billion in the three months ended Jan. 31, compared to \$2.97 billion in 2009, helped by lower loan losses and a resurgence in mortgages.

Scotiabank was the final bank to report earnings

yesterday, posting a 17 per cent rise in profit to \$988 million and beating analyst estimates.

Most of the banks came out with profits higher than Bay Street had expected, with Scotiabank, Bank of Montreal, TD Bank, and CIBC all beating estimates.

Royal Bank was the sole exception that missed expectations, even though Canada's largest bank posted the highest profit at \$1.5 billion. The results

provided further reason for optimism in a banking industry that has fared better than those in other countries. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Business in brief

WIRELESS Wind Mobile launched its new Canadian wireless communications service before it was ready and hasn't been able to attract sig-

nificant customers, says a market-research report by the SeaBoard Group. Toronto-based Globalive launched its Wind Mobile brand last

December to compete nationally across the country against established players Rogers, Bell and Telus.

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Tim Hortons Brier

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Mayflower rink serves shocker

Nova Scotia hands blowout loss to heavily-favoured Kevin Koe of Alberta

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The magic didn't last long, but Nova Scotia finally turned heads — for the right reasons — at the Tim Hortons Brier.

Ian Fitzner-LeBlanc's Mayflower rink got itself in the win column after opening the Brier with five straight losses, earning a shocking 13-8 blowout upset over heavily-favoured Kevin Koe of Alberta yesterday afternoon at the Metro Centre.

The 25-year-old Fitzner-LeBlanc had the crowd of 4,017 fixated when he jumped out to a 5-0 lead after two ends and then scored a record-tying six in the fifth end to grab an insurmountable 11-2 lead that looked like a misprint.

Even opponents such as Glenn Howard and Brad Gushue, playing on neighbouring ice surfaces, stopped and took note



Alberta skip Kevin Koe sits in front of the scoreboard after Nova Scotia scored six in the fifth end of their afternoon game at the 2010 Tim Hortons Brier yesterday. Nova Scotia pulled off a 13-8 upset victory for their first win of the tournament.

when Fitzner-LeBlanc earned a share of Brier history with just the fourth six-end in the past 23 years.

"It was a big relief, for sure," Fitzner-LeBlanc said. "We've been battling so

hard, the crowd has been so great, and unfortunately, we haven't given them much to cheer about. When we were able to put six on the board and create some space, it was a rewarding feeling."

Koe, a World Curling Tour star who is making his Brier debut in part due to the absence of Olympic gold-medallist and provincial rival Kevin Martin, was disgusted with his performance.

"Brutal game," he said. "We were down, we had to gamble, and we didn't make our shots."

Koe bounced back in the evening with a 7-2 triumph over 1996 Brier champion Jeff Stoughton of Manitoba.

Fitzner-LeBlanc, the second-youngest skip at the Brier, and teammates Stuart MacLean, Kent Smith and Phil Crowell were unable to keep the momentum rolling in the late draw, falling 7-2 to the winless, shorthanded Yukon/Northwest territories.

The territories were without skip Jamie Koe, Kevin's younger brother, as the 32-year-old was at Saint Mary's taking an accounting exam. Third Kevin Whitehead filled in.

Nova Scotia and the territories are tied for last with P.E.I. at 1-6.

"He played tremendous," Fitzner-LeBlanc said of Whitehead. "He made everything. Credit to him."

BRIER GLANCE

Results after Draw 11 yesterday from the 2010 Tim Hortons Brier at the MetroCentre:

PROVINCE (SKIP)	W	L
Ontario (G. Howard)	7	0
N.L. (Gushue)	6	1
Alberta (K. Koe)	5	2
Northern Ont. (Jacobs)	5	2
Manitoba (Stoughton)	5	2
Quebec (Reid)	5	2
B.C. (Richard)	2	5
Saskatchewan (McKee)	2	5
New Brunswick (Grattan)	2	5
P.E.I. (MacDonald)	1	6
NWT/Yukon (Koe)	1	6
N.S. (FITZNER-LEBLANC)	1	6

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

NINTH DRAW

Manitoba 10 Yukon/Northwest Terr. 3
Quebec 10 Saskatchewan 2
Northern Ontario 7 New Brunswick 2
Ontario 8 Prince Edward Island 2

DRAW 10

Newfoundland & Labrador 7 British Columbia 5
Nova Scotia 13 Alberta 8
Ontario 9 Saskatchewan 5
Quebec 8 Prince Edward Island 7 (extra end)

DRAW 11

Alberta 7 Manitoba 2
Newfoundland & Labrador 8 New Brunswick 3
Northern Ontario 7 British Columbia 3
Yukon/Northwest Terr. 7 Nova Scotia 2

TODAY'S GAMES

DRAW 12, 10:30 A.M.

Saskatchewan vs. British Columbia; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Ontario; Prince Edward Island vs. Nova Scotia; Quebec vs. Alberta.

DRAW 13, 3 P.M.

Nova Scotia vs. Northern Ontario; New Brunswick vs. Alberta; British Columbia vs. Yukon/Northwest Terr.; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Manitoba.

DRAW 14, 7:30 P.M.

Manitoba vs. Ontario; Yukon/Northwest Terr. vs. Saskatchewan; New Brunswick vs. Quebec; Prince Edward Island vs. Northern Ontario.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

DRAW 15, 10:30 A.M.

Alberta vs. Yukon/Northwest Terr.; Nova Scotia vs. Manitoba; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Northern Ontario; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Manitoba.

DRAW 16, 3 P.M.

Prince Edward Island vs. New Brunswick; Quebec vs. Northern Ontario; Saskatchewan vs. Manitoba; Yukon/Northwest Terr. vs. Ontario.

DRAW 17, 7:30 P.M.

Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Quebec; British Columbia vs. Prince Edward Island; Alberta vs. Ontario; Saskatchewan vs. Nova Scotia.

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Rookie Serge Reid holding his own with big boys at Brier

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ROUNDUP A 46-year-old rookie is keeping pace with the heavy hitters at the Tim Hortons Brier.

Quebec's Serge Reid posted a pair of wins yesterday at the Metro Centre, demolishing Saskatchewan's Darrell McKee 10-2 in the morning and edging P.E.I.'s Rod MacDonald 8-7 in 11 ends in the afternoon to

improve to 5-2 and sit in a four-way tie for third with Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton, Alberta's Kevin Koe and Northern Ontario's Brad Jacobs.

Glenn Howard of Ontario remains unbeaten atop the field at 7-0, while Brad Gushue of Newfoundland and Labrador is next with a 6-1 mark.

Nobody else is better than 2-5.

"We're in the field now," said Reid, who has

curled for 30 years but is a relative unknown on the national scene. "If we go 50-50 in the last four games, we're 7-4, and that's very, very good for us at our first Brier ... You never know, maybe (make the playoffs via a) tiebreaker."

Reid, from the Kenogami Curling Club in Jonquiere, has established himself as one of

the underdogs to watch along with Jacobs. He said getting a couple of early wins helped his group of first-timers find a "comfort zone."

"Winning (early) was very important (to get) the pressure down," he said.

"After that, the confidence comes," Gushue, meanwhile, said he is "still not real happy" with his rink's

play despite an outstanding record.

The 29-year-old 2006 Olympic gold-medallist has a big day today, facing Howard in the morning and Stoughton in the afternoon.

"It's going to be a tough day," Gushue said.

"I think (this) is when the positioning for playoff spots really starts ... We just have to go out, play well, hopefully get a win, and see where we stand."



Serge Reid

Brier in brief

ATTENDANCE Total attendance through four days of action at the Tim Hortons Brier sits at 51,283. Attendance has dropped slightly during the week after averaging 5,551 through five draws on the weekend. The overall average stands at 4,662 through 11 draws. A total of 158,414 attended the last Brier at the Metro Centre in 2003. Edmonton set the record in 2005 with attendance of 281,985.

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Ticket prices for Moncton CFL game released

The Canadian Football League has released ticket prices for the first regular season game to be played in Atlantic Canada, which will take place at the new Moncton Stadium on Sept. 26. Tickets will range in price from \$29 to \$79, with more than half of the tickets priced at less than \$50. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Sports



Solid debut for Strasburg

Top draft pick Stephen Strasburg has made his spring training debut for the Washington Nationals, pitching two scoreless innings against the Detroit Tigers. Starting for Washington, Strasburg threw 15 of his 27 pitches for strikes and allowed two hits, successive two-out singles by Don Kelly and Alex Avila in the second.

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Huskies closing in on hockey title

Pridham scores in double overtime to put X-Men on the ropes in AUS final

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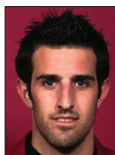
The red-hot stick of Colby Pridham has the Saint Mary's Huskies a win away from their second straight Atlantic University Sport men's hockey title.

The ex-Halifax Mooseheads forward and sophomore standout buried his eighth goal of in as many post-season games at 2:35 of double-overtime as the

Huskies edged the St. Francis Xavier X-Men 3-2 last night in Antigonish. The Huskies have a 2-0

Colby Pridham hold in the best-of-five AUS final.

Pridham's marker, his sixth in the past three outings, came on the power play after X-Men forward Brennen Wray took a



checking-to-the-head minor 46 seconds into the second overtime frame.

"Marc Rancourt threw a beautiful saucer pass (from the half-boards) that landed flat on Pridham's stick and Pridham just put it over the goalie's shoulder," said Huskies head coach Trevor Stienburg. "Beautiful goal. Colby's played really well."

Rancourt and Cody Thornton scored in regulation while rookie goalie Neil Conway made 21

Game notes

- Cody Thornton's two-point night leapfrogged him past teammate Andrew Hotham to the top of the AUS playoff scoring lead with 13 points in eight games.

- Eight Huskies players are among the top nine AUS scorers.
- Hotham was named AUS male athlete of the week earlier in the day.

saves. Lantz's Bryan Gillis stopped 29 for the X-Men.

It was much closer than Sunday's 7-1 trouncing at the Forum.

"They played better but they took a penalty in dou-

ble-overtime and it cost them," Stienburg said.

X-Men goal-scoring leader Bryce Swan, a former Mooseheads right-winger, was back in the lineup after collapsing on

the ice because of dehydration late in the second period of Game 2. He recorded an assist.

There's a long pause in the series, with Game 3 set for Monday at 7 p.m. at the Forum.

"We can't let it (hurt us)," Stienburg said.

"It would be nice to turn around and play them (Wednesday) night but it gives us a chance to regroup, get our focus back and take advantage of the home ice."

Pens GM defends Crosby after star is criticized for snubbing Letterman

TV Pittsburgh Penguins GM Ray Shero doesn't think it was fair Sidney Crosby received criticism after declining an opportunity to appear on the Late Show with David Letterman.

The New York Post ran a story Sunday questioning Crosby's decision to turn down an invitation to read the show's Top 10 list during a stop in New York last week. The column ran under the headline: "Crosby blows NHL's golden chance."

Shero noted the Penguins star has had a packed schedule since scoring the winning goal at the Olympics and that the team was entering a stretch where it will play four games in six days.

"At some point there's a

responsibility, that he takes very seriously, about being a hockey player and preparing," Shero said yesterday at the NHL's GM meetings. "To me, any criticism for Sidney isn't warranted. He does so much for the game, so much for

the league. ...

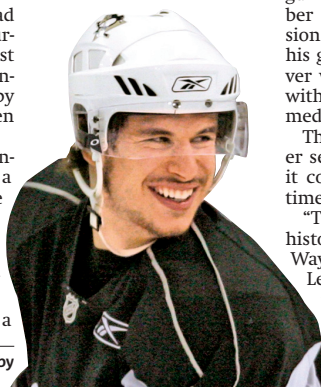
"He's trying to do it all and it's unfortunate he can't do it all. But he does a lot."

Shero listed everything Crosby has done since the end of the Olympics to prove his point. The Penguins captain gave a number of one-on-one television interviews following his golden goal in Vancouver while also keeping up with his normal day-to-day media responsibilities.

The GM believes his player sets the standard when it comes to giving up his time.

"There's no one in the history of the game, (not) Wayne Gretzky or Mario Lemieux, that's done more to promote the NHL than Sidney Crosby," said Shero.

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Sidney Crosby

NHL Leafs beat Bruins



Toronto Maple Leaf Viktor Stalberg tries to make a pass while being watched by Boston Bruin Patrice Bergeron last night. Toronto's Nikolai Kulemin scored in overtime as the Maple Leafs defeated the Bruins 4-3.

Sports in brief

MEETING NHL general managers are ready to take a firm stance on hits to the head. They moved one step closer to making an official rule recommendation yesterday when the eight-man group in charge of examining the issue came up with a penalty designed to curb head shots. They'll present the idea to the larger group today and are expected to have a formal proposal for the competition committee when the meetings wrap up. The GMs were reluctant to outline exactly what the new penalty would entail because it could still be altered.

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Workology

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SFU opens 3-D theatre

Last Friday, Simon Fraser University's Surrey campus unveiled its new digital theatre, the result of a complete retrofit of the 200-seat Westminster Savings Centre Union Theatre, the largest lecture theatre at the campus. Surrey-based Lightyear Digital Theatre donated over \$400,000 worth of equipment, software, and installation to the theatre.

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Options abound in Engineering

Engineering the Future

Metro Workology is focusing on careers and education in the engineering sector for the month of March to celebrate National Engineering Month. Check back every Wednesday.

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Engineering is a versatile discipline, with professionals working in sectors that include everything from medicine to wildlife conservation in Canada and around the world.



You wouldn't think grizzly bear tracking would be in your set of skills as an engineer, but it could be.

Elizabeth Cannon, dean of the Schulich School of Engineering at the University of Calgary, says engineers build bridges, cars and

buildings, but it's also more widespread and cutting edge. "The evolution of the engineering discipline has been going on for a long

time, but sometimes we suffer from some of the stereotypes," she says.

One of those stereotypes is that engineers are men,

but Cannon says 24 per cent of her students are women and she works hard to increase that number. "Women students do very well in our programs ... and when they go out in industry, they again do very, very well."

Health-inclined engineers can go into biomedical engineering, which has engineers create new devices, such as robots that perform brain surgery.

"Engineers have a very direct and significant impact on the evolution of how medicine will be performed now and into the future," Cannon says.

Geomatics, Cannon's field, builds GPS technology for in-car navigation, Smartphones and even tracking grizzly bears. The wildlife

trackers help conservationists, biologists and policy makers. "The collection of data and the interpretation of data is what we do in the engineering field, in addition to actually producing the devices," she says.

Engineers can also specialize in building robots that work in danger zones like search-and-rescue or mine detection.

"Engineering is a career that can really allow you to make a difference in the world," Cannon says. "You can work in the office, in the field, locally or internationally."

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Metro Drive



Own the glory

The Olympic-branded GM vehicles that were used during the 2010 Olympics will be available for sale to the public at the end of the Paralympic Winter Games this month.

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Altima races to the top

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Nissan may be focused on its upcoming electric cars these days, but it hasn't forgotten gasoline. For 2010, it offers a refreshed version of the midsize Altima sedan.

It's available with a 2.5-litre four-cylinder, at a starting price of \$23,798. My tester used the 3.5-litre V6, which starts at \$28,298; in top-line SR trim, my vehicle was \$31,898, further tweaked with a \$3,550 Leather Package of cowhide seats, upgraded stereo, Bluetooth and other items. While the four-cylinder can be ordered with a six-speed manual transmission, the V6 exclusively uses a continuously variable transmission (CVT), which functions as a gearless automatic. The Altima is also available as a two-door coupe or gasoline-electric hybrid sedan.

Modifications to the 2010 are relatively minor. Front-end styling is changed, although the back end remains the same. An important difference is that stability and traction control are now standard on all models.

Altima is a very competent performer, with crisp handling, pleasant ride and quiet performance. The 270-hp V6 offers impressive acceleration, and while I'm still not entirely sold on the feel of in CVTs in larger cars, this unit works fine.

The company thinks so

The 2010 Nissan Altima is a very competent performer, with crisp handling, pleasant ride and quiet performance, Jil McIntosh says.



2010 Nissan Altima

Type: Midsize sedan**Price:** from \$23,798**Engine:** 2.5L four-cylinder/3.5L V6**HP:** 270 (V6)**Fuel Economy:** 10.2L/100 km city, 7.2L/100 km highway

Highlights

- Roomy, plush interior with improved sound system
- Standard stability and traction control

too, and in an effort to convince customers who worry about repair costs, it has doubled the warranty on all such units, back to 2003, for a total of 10 years or 200,000 km, whichever

comes first.

Official fuel ratings are 10.2 L/100 km in the city and 7.2 on the highway, while during a week of cold-weather driving, I averaged 11.1 L/100 km.

Early Altimas suffered from cheap interiors, but the company has gotten progressively better, and this new version looks and feels refined.

The controls are simple and easy to use, plastic pieces are fitted together well, and the upgraded Bose stereo includes a colour audio display screen and an iPod menu button that takes you directly to your player when it's plugged into the auxiliary outlet.



Inside, the new Altima looks and feels refined. The controls are simple and easy to use and plastic pieces are fitted together well.

The roomy rear seats fold down, increasing the trunk from a length of 110 cm to a total of 170 cm of cargo length. Oddly, though, the passenger side drops down via a button on the seatback, but to fold the one behind the driver's seat, you have to reach

deep into the trunk and pull a strap.

Overall, when midsize sedan buyers are making their test-drive list, Altima deserves to be in the top tier. Nissan's continuing attention to this sedan over the years has certainly paid off.



The Honda 3R-C concept

A Honda concept, just for you

DEBUT The Honda 3R-C, a revolutionary one-person battery electric vehicle concept, made its world debut at the recent Geneva Motor Show.

The three-wheeled 3R-C concept shows what a future minimal urban transport vehicle for one person might look like.

The battery electric drivetrain is mounted low in the three-wheeled chassis, therefore keeping the centre of gravity low and thus improving stability.

The 3R-C has a clear canopy that covers the driver's seat while it is parked and not in use.

When 3R-C vehicle is in motion, the canopy becomes an enveloping windshield that provides the pilot, who sits low in the vehicle, with significant protection from the bodywork and doors.

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The top three finalists — Mercedes-Benz E-Class, Toyota Prius, and Volkswagen Polo — for the World Car of the Year award have been named at the Geneva Motor Show. The winner will be announced at the New York auto show in April. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

A 2005 Toyota Corolla



JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada



MODEL: 2003 to 2006 Toyota Corolla

VEHICLE TYPE: Compact sedan

APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: \$5,500 to \$12,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: The Corolla has long been Toy-

ota's "bread and butter" small car for the Canadian masses. Built to be reliable, efficient and cheap to run, it's got a lengthy history of winning awards and being named to "best buy" lists of all kinds.

For its ninth generation, Corolla filled in a place between the Yaris and Camry in Toyota's product portfolio.

The Corolla was also made larger and roomier than before, translating to more interior space.

Styling was relatively plain, though a visually sporty Corolla 'S' model added some go-fast styling cues. Side and curtain bags were available, along with power accessories, a cabin air filter and a CD player.

Power came from a 1.8 liter four cylinder engine with 126 ponies and 122 lb.-ft. of torque.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: Owners typically say they most enjoy the tidy cabin layout, comfort, handling and safety of their Corollas. Gas mileage is rated highly, too.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Owner gripes centre mainly around bland and generic styling, and some wish for more performance from

the four-cylinder engine /automatic transmission combination.

COMMON ISSUES: Corolla's reputation for reliability means that common issues are few and far between — but like every used car, there are at least a few issues to be aware of.

Some owners have reported having to change their catalytic converter far before its expected life was over. Apparently, the bill to replace a catalytic converter is a hefty one.

Other owners report random illumination of the check-engine light — which could indicate a number of sensor or emissions-system problems. If you see a check engine light on your test drive, be sure to find out why it's there.

Remember that an exceptional deal is often too good to be true.

As such, scrutinize the condition of any used Corolla's tires and brakes to ensure the former owner isn't trying to pass off a big expense on you.

THE VERDICT: Though priced at a premium, a clean, well-maintained and well cared for Corolla is one of the used car market's most reliable and sensible small cars.

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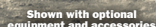
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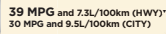
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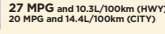
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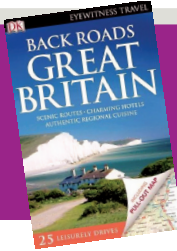
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A new guide to some of Utah's most scenic roads can be found on the state Office of Tourism website. The site features listings of which roads to take and what has made them state and national scenic byways, at travel.utah.gov. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Travel

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Explore Britain's back roads

Compiled by expert travel writers, based full- or part-time in the countries and regions they write about, DK's new Back Roads series uses in-depth local knowledge to create driving tours full of original ideas for activities, off-the-beaten-track stops, and authentically native places to eat and to stay in Great Britain. Back Roads of Great Britain is available on Amazon.com (\$28). **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

The changing face of Fort Lauderdale

Still a spring break mecca, the face of Florida tourism is working hard to attract families back

DUANE ROLLINS
for Metro Canada



Fort Lauderdale has come a long way from its hedonistic and infamous past as a Spring Break Mecca.

Today, it is a sophisticated oceanside community that has something for every taste and budget.

Metro has compiled a list of places to eat, drink and be merry in Fort Lauderdale for any budget.

DAILY BUDGET \$50

EAT Algeria Tacos

It's not much to look at and the owners didn't waste money on decorating the interior, but the fresh ingredients and authentic Mexican menu keeps locals and tourists alike coming back for more. The best part? You can slap down a \$10 bill and leave with a full stomach and change in your pocket.

STAY

Quiet Waters camp ground

With near perfect weather year-round, camping has become an increasingly popular way to enjoy Fort Lauderdale and the Quiet Waters camp ground offers travellers a unique and inexpensive alternative to the big chain hotels on the beach. At Quiet Waters, you can rent a platform with a pre-set-up tent, a fire ring and grill, picnic table, electricity and running water. You can even rent a tepee. And, it all goes for just \$40 a night.

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broward.org/parks/qw.htm

GO

Fort Lauderdale Beach

You go to Florida for the sun and sand and you won't be disappointed by Fort Lauderdale Beach. With more than two miles of supervised public beachfront, and loads of people watching opportunities, a stroll down "The Strip" will be a highlight of your stay.

DAILY BUDGET \$100

EAT

Cafe Seville

A staple of Fort Lauderdale dining for more than 20 years the family-run and Spanish-influenced Cafe Seville has one of the best wine lists in South Florida. Its intimate setting provides a perfect romantic break during your trip — but, book ahead or you may end up disappointed.

cafeseville.com

STAY

Green Island Inn



Fort Lauderdale has been quietly working to return itself to a family-friendly destination.

Located in a quiet residential neighbourhood a little further north of most of Fort Lauderdale's hotels the family owned Green Island Inn is a gem at any price. For as little as \$50 a night it's deal that can't be beat. It's a short walk to the ocean, stunningly landscaped and a perfect destination for families.

greenislandinn.com

GO

Spirit of Lauderdale Catamaran

It isn't a trip to Fort Lauderdale without spending at least some time on the ocean, experiencing the coastline while breathing the sea air and enjoying a cold beverage.

The Spirit of Lauderdale crew offers visitors all of that, along with an intimate knowledge of the history (and current gossip) of the city, for just \$30 per

person. Ask about their Canadian discount.

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EAT

Mai-Kai Restaurant and Polynesian Show

It isn't highbrow, but it is everything that people have come to expect from a Florida vacation. The Mai-Kai Restaurant and Polynesian Show is over the top, tourist oriented and generally quite loud, but it's also a whole lot of fun, popular with locals too and isn't loud what you're looking for in a vacation anyway?

There is a reason it's been a Fort Lauderdale landmark since 1956. It will cost you about \$80 a person to fully experience the dinner and show.

STAY

W Fort Lauderdale

The Strip's newest and most decadent luxury ho-

tel won't be cheap — rates start at about \$250 a night. But, it does offer an enticing mix of elite dining, world class pampering and ample amounts of beautiful people dancing the night away.

wfortlauderdalehotel.com

GO

Sawgrass Park

Get close and personal with some of Florida's most famous — and dangerous — wildlife at the Sawgrass Recreation Park. Avoid the crowds by booking a private tour of the park, which includes an hour-long airboat ride deep into gaiter country and full access to the wildlife displays, where you can see Florida Cougars and hold a baby alligator in your hand. Up to four can experience it for just over \$300.

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Coming into bloom

Those famous pink and white cherry blossoms in Washington are expected to bloom on schedule on trees around the U.S. capital as soon as the end of March, the National Park Service predicted this week. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Hunting for hobbits

Fossil find leads to influx of tourists chasing legends in Flores

I started hearing the offers soon after arriving at the Liang Bua cave in the mountains of Flores island in Indonesia.

"You want to see a living hobbit?" a guard at the cave whispered. "I can take you there but it will cost 500,000 rupiah (about \$55)."

Kornelis Jaman was referring to the dwarf cave-dwellers, whose skeletal remains were discovered in the cave. Scientists believe they went extinct 17,000 years ago, but villagers with an eye for profit insist the hobbits hung around until at least 300 years ago and their descendants are still living in nearby villages.

The Ebu Gogo or "the grandmother who eats everything," has for generations played the role of villain in Flores folklore. They are described as big-eyed, hairy creatures who came down the mountain to steal, crops, fruit and liquor.

The discovery of the re-



Workers labour at the Liang Bua cave where the remains of Homo floresiensis were discovered.

mains in the Liang Bua cave in 2003 put the Flores excavation on the map. Suddenly, a steady stream of fossil enthusiasts was turning up, and hobbit tours began.

Rampasasa, a tiny farming village just a few kilometres from the cave, became a popular stop. Supposedly there were as many as two dozen tiny

people living there.

Scientists at the dig site laughed at the mention of Rampasasa and said there were no hobbits there. But I had to see for myself, so photographer Achmad Ibrahim negotiated a fee of 150,000 rupiah (about \$16) and off we went.

Rampasasa was typically poor, with crumbling wooden homes and a one-

lane dirt road pockmarked with rocks which ran through the village. We were escorted to a room with shiny, blue wallpaper, plastic flowers and sketches of the hobbits on the wall. This was where the promised hobbit meeting would take place.

Soon enough, 80-year-old Viktor Jehabut appeared in the doorway. He



A skull of a Homo floresiensis, also known as the hobbit.

was definitely short — about four feet tall.

"There are a lot of people like him here," said Jaman, our tour guide. "Maybe they are related with the hobbits in the cave."

But Jehabut looked like an ordinary person, just shorter. He sat down, clutched my hand and began regaling me with tales of the hobbit in his native Manggarai language. He spoke of the

hobbits' thieving ways and how they could disappear into thin air when threatened. You could cut them, he said, and they wouldn't bleed.

But when asked whether he was related to the hobbits, Jehabut smiled, revealing his one tooth, and acknowledged it wasn't true. He said they were just very poor and looking to capture the attention. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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German man who tried to blackmail Cindy Crawford with a photo of her bound and gagged seven-year-old daughter was sentenced to two years in jail. Edis Kayalar, 26, stole the photo from a nanny, who took it while playing cops and robbers. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Entertainment

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Spring movie preview

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

The months leading up to summer's barrage of blockbusters are a lot like the season of spring itself — blooming with potential. Perhaps that's what makes springtime so exciting: It's a chance for audiences to experience Hollywood's most unheeded hidden gems.

Featuring Greek gods, money-mad investors, lost cowpokes and a classic horror icon, this year's crop of cinematic seedlings should share no less enthusiasm than their summer companions. Here are a few highlights of 2010's Spring Movie Preview:

Chloe (March 26): This



Clash of the Titans opens April 2.

thriller will turn heads with its tale about a sexually charged love triangle between Liam Neeson, Julianne Moore and Amanda Seyfried (Dear John).

The Last Song (March 31): Pop superstar Miley Cyrus takes on novelist Nicolas Sparks (The Notebook) in "a story of family, friendship, secrets and sal-

vation." Although that also sounds like a description of Hannah Montana, it's not that. Trust me.

Clash of the Titans (April 2): In this highly anticipated remake of the 1981 hit, the son of Zeus must save Earth from the god of the underworld and a giant scorpion. And you thought the earwigs were a problem in your apartment.

Date Night (April 9): Tina Fey and Steve Carell bring the funny to the big-screen in this mistaken-identity comedy about a bored couple running from the mafia. Watch for appearances by Mila Kunis and Mark Wahlberg.

Piranha 3-D (April 16): Based loosely on a 1978 horror hit, this three-dimensional shocker explores everybody's

favourite flesh-eating freshwater fish.

Kick-Ass (April 16): Perhaps the sleeper hit of the spring, this unlikely superhero comedy has been gaining plenty of excitement on the Internet. Then again, that kind of buzz backfired for Snakes on a Plane.

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (April 23): Director Oliver Stone breaks finance wizard Gordon Gekko (Michael Douglas) from prison in this sequel to the captivating 1987 drama that previously won Douglas an Academy Award.

Gunless (April 30): Paul Gross (Passchendaele) plays a belligerent American outlaw lost in a sleepy Canadian hamlet in this western comedy.

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I just don't know who you are anymore

Katherine Heigl turned heads yesterday when she stepped out sporting brown, hair a far cry from her usual blonde — reports dailymail.co.uk. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Early Show anchor shares his insides

The Early Show co-anchor Harry Smith is scheduled to have a colonoscopy today, with live reports as he undergoes the procedure at a New York hospital.

CBS says it will be the first time an anchor has had a colonoscopy live on network television.

CBS Evening News anchor Katie Couric plans to be with Smith as he prepares for the procedure.

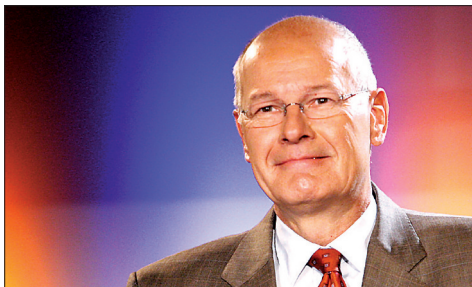
Smith and Couric are

recognizing National Colorectal Cancer Awareness month. Couric has been an advocate for early cancer screenings since her husband, TV legal analyst Jay Monahan, died of colon cancer 12 years ago. He was 42.

Taped reports of Couric's colonoscopy aired in 2000.

The Early Show airs weekdays from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Eastern.

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Harry Smith will report live while undergoing a colonoscopy.

Richter may tour with O'Brien

COMEDY Andy Richter says a tour with Conan O'Brien and Max Weinberg is "a possibility."

The Hollywood Reporter says the tour would start the middle of next month and could also involve O'Brien's bandleader, Max Weinberg.

Unlike O'Brien, who can't be on TV until September, Richter co-hosted Live With

Regis and Kelly.

Richter says he's still under contract with NBC but he says he still is angry with the network for taking the Tonight Show away from him and O'Brien.

Referring to his string of failed TV projects, Richter says he must be "really good at getting kicked off the air."

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Sharon Osbourne is having buyer's remorse over her breast augmentation surgery. "I wish I had never had my breasts done," Osbourne tells New! Magazine. "It is like a waterbed on your chest. I want to have the bags taken out — then I will put them on eBay." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Boobie bed

Celebrity Buzz

The Cowell's out of the bag

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST TO MARRY ... SOMETIME IN THE NEXT DECADE He's famed for his caustic put-downs on American Idol and The X Factor but Simon Cowell showed a very different side to his personality as he shared a kiss with fiancée Meaghan Hossainy on the Tonight Show, reports dailymail.co.uk.

After weeks of trying to deny their engagement, the 50-year-old final-

ly confirmed the couple is getting married.

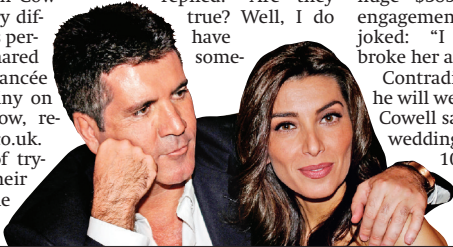
When asked by Jay Leno about the engagement rumours a flushed Cowell replied: "Are they true? Well, I do have some-

body in my life now, Jay, yes. And I kinda made a decision this year to make somebody happy."

Pointing out Hossainy's huge \$385,000 diamond engagement ring, Leno joked: "I thought she broke her arm."

Contradicting reports he will wed this summer, Cowell said he wanted a wedding "in the next 10 years."

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Will she Mulligan LaBeouf?

TALENT ATTRACTS TALENT ... BUT WHO WILL IT BE? After frequently bumping into each other on the awards circuit, it's no surprise that Oscar nominees Carey Mulligan and Jeremy Renner have struck up a friendship.

The actors were looking very cozy together as they partied at the Vanity Fair after-party on Sunday night, reports daily

mail.co.uk.

The Bafta winner, 24, and The Hurt Locker star, 39, were spotted deep in conversation and being very tactile with each other as they openly flirted.

The pictures of the friendly pair are unlikely to go down well with Mulligan's actor boyfriend Shia LaBeouf, who was surprisingly absent at the Academy Awards.

Mulligan has been dating LaBeouf since August after falling for each other on the set of Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps.

LaBeouf was seen accompanying her to JFK airport, prompting speculation he would be joining her in Los Angeles ahead of the weekend's festivities.

Renner has recently been linked to newly single beauty Charlize Theron, but he insists they're just friends.

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Jermaine plans MJ tribute

BY ARRANGING A MASSIVE MONEY-MAKING TRIBUTE Despite previous failed attempts since his brother's death last June, Jermaine Jackson is committed to pulling off a massive tribute to Michael Jackson, and he wants it up before the anniversary, he tells Australia's Undercover.com.

"The best way and most suitable way is to assemble the world's largest tribute in history that is only fitting to a man

who moved the hearts and souls of an unimaginable amount," Jermaine says of the planned show, which will be called Tribute by Jermaine. He's reportedly already booked London's Wembley Arena for June 8.

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Tiger released back into society

HIS SOCIAL REINTEGRATION SEEMS TO BE GOING WELL The reconciliation between Tiger Woods and Elin Nordegren appears to be working, as the couple was spotted kissing earlier this week in Florida, according to Radar Online. "They were

hugging and they were kissing right out in the open," a source tells the website.

"Elin is certainly a lot more relaxed these days and so is he. People in the neighbourhood are getting used to seeing them together again."

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Today, **JESSICA SIMPSON** doesn't find poetry that stimulating, **APOLLO**

OHNO is hungry, **RAINN WILSON** takes a page from an Oscar winner's book, and **JOE JONAS** doesn't like all the attention.

@JessicaSimpson Just woke up after falling asleep reading this book "poemcrazy"! Poems that are crazy normally keep me awake!

@ApolloOhno Friends of Chi-Town...if we get a small break today - where is a quick lunch spot?

@rainnwilson Like Mo'nikue I've decided to add an apostrophe to my name. Sincerely, Ra'inn.

@jojonas So there was a paparazzi filming me eating. Awkward. I see the headline now.. "Joe eats food"

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Taking it too far just once

ADMIT IT, YOU ALL ASSUMED HE WAS TOO With her Oscar specials over, Barbara Walters is taking a look back and says she only has one real regret.

"In 2000, I pushed Ricky Martin very hard to admit if he was gay or not, and the way he refused to do it made everyone decide that he was," she told the Toronto Star.

"A lot of people say that destroyed his career, and when I think back on it now I feel it was an inappropriate question."

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Justin's mom gives Jess the thumbs up

WONDER WHAT SHE THOUGHT OF CAMERON ... The news that Justin Timberlake is to star in a romantic comedy Bad Teacher with his ex Cameron Diaz is bound to have annoyed girlfriend Jessica Biel.

The 37-year-old Charlie's Angels star plays a junior high school teacher who sets out to steal a colleague's boyfriend,

played by Timberlake.

She dated the pop singer for almost four years un-

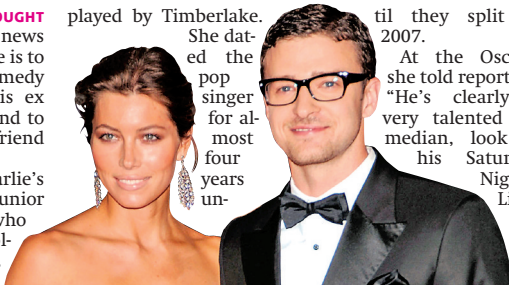
til they split in 2007.

At the Oscars, she told reporters: "He's clearly a very talented comedian, look at his Saturday Night Live

(skits). He's fantastic. He's going to be so great."

But it seems Jessica has nothing to worry about just yet, as Justin's mother Lynn Timberlake thinks she could be The One. Describing the Valentine's Day actress as "amazing" and "one of us," she added: "She's so down-to-earth and her family is great."

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Arguing over spilt milk

SHE'S SUCH A BABY! (HA) Lindsay Lohan is reportedly suing financial services company E-Trade over a new commercial she thinks is mocking her, according to Page Six.

The ad features a

boyfriend-stealing, 'milko-holic' baby named Lindsay, and Lohan alleges it was modeled after her.

Lohan's lawyer argues that the actress has the same single-name recognition as Madonna or Oprah.

"Many celebrities are known by one name only, and E-Trade is using that knowledge to profit," her lawyer says. Lohan is reportedly after \$100 million over the ad.

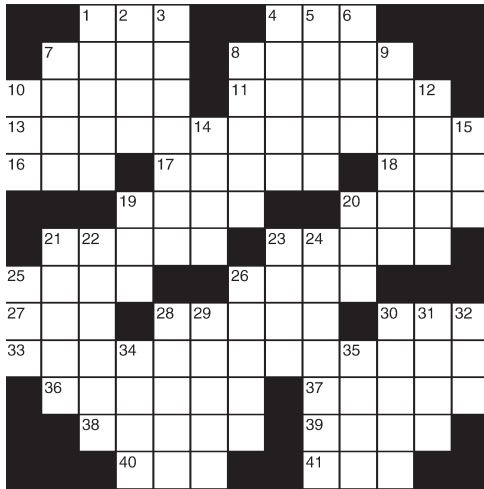
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- 13 Family tree member
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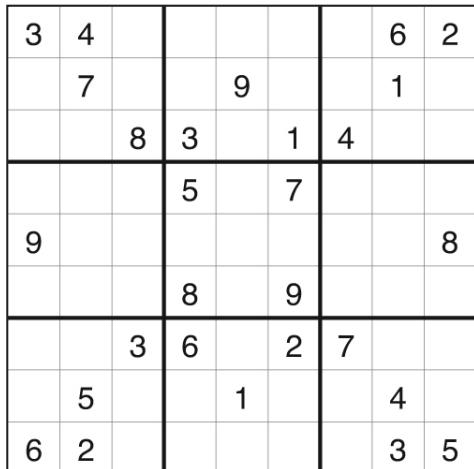
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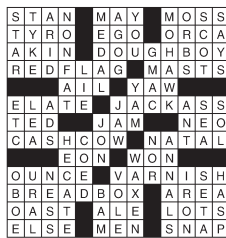
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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Metro Recipe of the Day



Spicy Napolitana Spaghetti

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- A pinch white sugar
- 2 x 398-mL cans tomatoes
- 1/4 tsp crushed chili flakes
- 400 g spaghetti
- 450-g jar roasted red or mixed peppers, drained and sliced
- 3/4 cup stuffed green olives, rinsed, drained and halved

METHOD:

1. Heat oil in medium-sized pot, add onion and sugar, then cook gently 5 minutes. Meanwhile, tip tomatoes into food processor and whiz to make purée.
2. Add puréed tomatoes and crushed chili flakes to onion in pot and season

lightly with salt and plenty of pepper. Bring to boil, then cook, stirring occasionally, over medium heat 20 minutes.

3. While sauce is cooking, cook spaghetti in pot of salted boiling water according to pack instructions.
4. Drain pasta and turn into warmed serving bowl. Spoon over sauce, add peppers and olives, and toss gently to combine. Serve immediately with Parmesan.

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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20



You will be confronted by a situation that demands an instant response. No one has the right to interfere in your personal affairs.

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23



A positive outlook is a must. Like it or not someone who is better connected has the upper hand at the moment, but it won't stay that way forever.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21



You may be more receptive than usual to out of the ordinary ideas but you must also be careful that you do not come across as too trusting.

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22



While your confidence is high, other aspects suggest that some people still need convincing you have what it takes to succeed.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21



If you can't come up with the money you need today it could lead to a showdown with those who hold the purse strings. Try to become financially independent.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21



Your best course today is to be open and honest about the way that you feel – and then to resolve to do something about it.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22



The Sun in Pisces is a helpful influence but it also brings obligations you cannot avoid. Today's aspects are about power and responsibility.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20



You can't help but be a bit emotional and in a way that's good because you have been hiding your feelings for too long. Just don't get too sentimental.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23



You are impatient to get started on things you have been thinking about for months, and with Mars turning direct in your sign you won't have to wait long.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18



If you allow things to slide today you will be struggling to catch up for the rest of the week, so stay on top of your workload.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22



You won't be in the most forgiving of moods today, especially if you are still annoyed with someone who has betrayed you.

PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20



Everyone wants to be your friend, but that does not mean everyone is entitled to a free ride at your expense. Help out but don't be a sucker.

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- 1831: The French Foreign Legion is established by King Louis-Philippe to support his war in Algeria.
- 1876: Alexander Graham Bell makes the first successful telephone call.
- 1959: Fearing an abduction attempt by China, 300,000 Tibetans surround the Dalai Lama's palace to prevent his removal.
- 1969: James Earl Ray pleads guilty to assassinating Martin Luther King Jr. He would later retract his guilty plea.

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